

Public Safety Branch
Fire Fighting & Emergency Medical Group
Fire Trainee Series

CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER TRAINEE

12/02 (JAS)

General Summary

Under immediate supervision, perform advanced El Paso Fire Academy departmental indoctrination training assignments to develop and specifically apply previously acquired knowledge, abilities and skills of a state certified Firefighter, and to become a locally credentialed Emergency Medical Technician, as required;

Typical Duties

Participate in classroom lectures, response simulations, live field exercises and other orientation activities, including rigorous physical preparation, written testing and performance evaluations. Involves: Study and practice, as qualified, job related structural firefighting and basic emergency medical care methods according to established department rules, regulations, protocols and standards including, but not limited to, fire and rescue tactics, patient care, safety and survival techniques, ladder operations and hose deployment, engine and ambulance operation and maintenance, self contained breathing apparatus use, hazardous materials awareness, station and company familiarization, computer and communications systems procedures, property salvage and security guidelines, and incident reporting and administrative recordkeeping. Respond to emergency incidents as instructed by the Training Chief.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Some knowledge of fire suppression and prevention principles, and related apparatus operations.
- Some knowledge of fire hazards related to various types of construction and flammable materials.
- Some knowledge of emergency medical care principles, drugs, and related apparatus operations
- Some knowledge of medical hazards related to patient care.
- Ability to comprehend, learn and apply training materials and field or classroom training instructions.
- Ability to follow and adjust to El Paso Fire Academy disciplines.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective training relationships with fellow trainees and instructors.

Other Job Characteristics

- Frequently withstand vigorous physical demands which includes moving agilely in classroom or field training environments.
- Complete test of running a prescribed distance, and El Paso Firefighter Challenge, in full protective clothing and on air, within specified times prior to graduation.

Minimum Qualifications

Education and Experience: Graduation from high school or GED supplemented by postsecondary Basic Firefighter and Basic Emergency Medical Technician courses.

Licenses and Certificates: Texas Class C Drivers License or equivalent from another state by time of appointment. Texas Class B Drivers License with firefighter exemption before graduation. Must possess current Texas State Commission on Fire Protection Basic Structural Firefighter Certification and Texas Department of Health Basic Emergency Medical Technician Certification by time of appointment. Certifications must be current and in good standing with no deficiency status before appointment.

Special Requirements: Be 18 years old. Meet El Paso Fire Department pre-appointment standards including a rigid background investigation and a comprehensive medical examination with drug screening.

Human Resources Director

Department Head